(c) to (e) Instructions are being issued to various Ministries/Departments to set up creches for the benefit of their women employees.

Separate hostels for working women

†2253. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating on any scheme for constructing separate hostels for working women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of cities where such hostels are proposed to be constructed alongwith number thereof; and

(d) the amount proposed to be allocated for the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Ministry of Women and Child Development has been implementing a scheme of assistance since 1972-73 for construction/expansion of hostel building for working women. The details of the scheme are available on the website of the Ministry http/www.wcd.nic.in

(c) and (d) Ministry of Women and Child Development has sought an outlay of Rs. 500 crores in the Eleventh Five Year Plan for sanctioning 40 new hostels each year all over the country. The Ministry has also requested all State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to make a demand survey of working women's hostel and to recommend proposals for places where any demand is evident.

Marriage trade in Haryana

†2254. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the trade being done in Mewat area of Haryana in the name of marriage;

(b) whether it is a fact that this trade of girls, being done by truck

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

drivers, is flourishing in this area by dodging these girls into marriage and bringing them from poor and remote areas;

(c) the number of such cases for which action has been taken so far by the administration; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to check this illegal and inhuman trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) As per information received from Government of Haryana, there is no such incident in the district.

(d) As far as Ministry of Women and Child Development is concerned, the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 (ITPA) supplemented by the Indian Penal Code prohibits trafficking in human beings including children for purpose of prostitution and lays down severe penalties for traffickers. The ITPA is now being further amended providing for more stringent punishment for trafficking in persons including children. The Ministry of Women and Child Development conducts advocacy, awareness generation, sensitization programme for prevention of child trafficking.

Marriage of minor girls

2255. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:
SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agree with the findings of the National Family Health Survey-III, that marriage of minor girls is still rampant in several States;

(b) if not, whether Government have conveyed its views to the organization, which conducted the Survey and the response thereto;

(c) if so, the details of such States with high prevalence of such marriage of minor children;

(d) whether it is a fact that such marriages are illegal; and